

ADMIRAL STANSFIELD TURNER

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Dear Dave,

Enjoyed your note and appreciate the continuing support. I, too, was grateful that the President came out so clearly and helpfully. On the other hand, the whole problem was simply the creation of my good friend

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I particularly appreciated your suggestion with regard to Winn. By coincidence, just a few days after your letter arrived I was heading for San Diego. I gave him a call to see if we could possibly get together for an hour or so. Unfortunately, that did not work out because he and the DAVID RAY were busy in refresher training. It turns out that shortly after we arrived at the San Diego Airport and [redacted] had checked into the Sheraton Hotel right on the waterfront we saw the DAVID RAY heading out to sea for night operations.

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Still, I did have a good and long visit with him on the phone. I think you are correct that he expresses a malaise which is prevalent in the surface navy, particularly being in engineering at a time when all the focus is in that area. I tried hard to point out to him the long-term benefits of what he is doing and my hope that some balance will be restored one of these days. I must say I'm not as generally optimistic as I perhaps portrayed to him. Nonetheless, I think our talk was of some value -- at least I hope so. I appreciate your alerting me to the situation and I'll try to keep in touch with him a bit more.

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Enjoyed a brief evening with Jim and John. The Admiral seems to have some mistaken impression that you're good in the job you presently occupy!

Pat joins in sending our best to Lynne, David and Lisa and to you.

Yours,



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